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To: Delta Protection Commission
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Subject: Legislative Update
For Commission Information Only

This memorandum reflects the status of legislation as of September 25, 1997.

Chaptered Bills (Bills that have been signed by the Governor):

AB 979 (Leach)

Boating Under the Influence

Allow State peace officers to arrest suspected boaters under the influence of alcohol.

SBX 14, Costa

Department of Water Resources: Flood Control

Appropriate \$4.365 million for Governor's Flood Emergency Action Team projects.

Assembly Bills

1. Flood Control

AB 254, Machado

Flood Prevention Bond of 1998

Enacts \$600 million bond measure to finance six major San Joaquin River flood programs.

Status: Held in Committee on Appropriations.

2. Environment

AB 409, Machado

Authorize Taking of Threatened and Endangered Species

Authorize the DFG to take endangered species for scientific purposes.

Status: Held in Committee of Natural Resources and Wildlife.

AB 1000, Keeley

Clean Coastal Waters and Rivers Bond Act

Enacts \$647 million to the Clean Coastal Waters and Rivers Bond Act of 1998.

Status: Held in Committee on Appropriations.

AB 1479, Sweeney

Water Quality Program for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries

This bill would continue the Bay Protection and Toxics Cleanup Program.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

Senate Bills

1. Flood Control

SB X19, Johnston

Levee Repair Funds

This bill would appropriate \$2.5 million for levee repairs on the Cosumnes River.

Status: Held in Committee on Appropriations.

SB 312, Costa

Flood Prevention Bond Act of 1998

Enacts bond measure of an unknown amount to finance six major San Joaquin River flood programs.

Status: Held in Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1068, Thompson

Reclamation Board

Revise levee maintenance standards.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

2. Environment

SB 1075, Johnston

Delta Protection Commission

Authorize minor corrections to the Delta Protection Act.

Status: Held in Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 879, Johnston

Lawful Taking of Endangered Species

Permit the DFG to take endangered species for research purposes.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

3. Recreation

SB 2, Thompson

Parks and Recreation Improvement Bond Act

Enacts \$495 million to the Parks and Resources Improvement Bond Act of 1998.

Status: Held in Committee on Appropriations.

SB 172, Rainey

Removal of Abandoned Vessels

Establish a grant program for removal of abandoned recreational vessels from public waterways.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

SB 347, Thompson*

Personal Watercraft Safety

Prohibit a personal watercraft operator from undertaking unsafe or reckless practices, such as wake jumping on public waterways.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

SB 545, Rosenthal*

Motorboat Operators; Minimum Age, Mandatory Education

Raise the legal age for use of a wind or motor powered vessel on public waterways to sixteen years of age.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

SB 810, Johnson

Restriction of Boating Related Noise and Exhaust Devices

Enforce certain noise and exhaust restrictions applicable to motorboats applicable to all motorized vessels.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

4. Agriculture

SB 231, Costa

Incidental and Inadvertent Taking-Canella Environmental Farming Act

Modify DFG regulations to allow take of endangered species during normal farming practices.

Status: Waiting to be signed by the Governor.

* These bills were added to monitoring program since July 11, 1997 staff report.